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SUBJECT: WINE GALLON - U.S. - CANADIAN BILATERAL

- DISCUSSIONS

1. U.S. AND CANADA HELD PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF REQUESTS AND OFFERS ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SECTOR. CANADA (DENIS) EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN U.S. OFFER ON WINE GALLON/PROOF GALLON, INQUIRING AS TO WHAT POSSIBLE CHANGE THE U.S. IS CONSIDERING AND THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC. CANADA CONFIRMED THAT IT IS SEEKING U.S. ADOPTION OF PROOF GALLON METHOD OF ASSESSMENT FOR ALL IMPORTED DISTILLED LIQUORS. U.S. (HAMERSCHLAG, WALLAR) SAID WHILE THE EC WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT BENEFICIARY

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OF ANY CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM, CANADA WOULD ALSO ENJOY SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS AND U.S. WOULD BE LOOKING FOR ADEQUATE RECIPROCITY FROM CANADA. U.S. DEL EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THE OFFER IS STILL ON THE TABLE, THE U.S. HAD NOT SEEN ANY OFFER BY CANADA OR THE EC TO ENCOURAGE U.S. TO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE SYSTEM. WHEN CANADA POINTED TO

ITS OFFER ON PROVINCIAL LIQUORS BOARDS, THE U.S. SAID THAT SUCH ACTION DOES NOT REPRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL OFFER. EFFORTS IN THE DISTILLED LIQUOR FIELD IN CANADA, WHILE A CONSIDERATION FOR THE U.S. TO PURSUE POSSIBLE CONVERSION, WOULD NOT, BY THEMSELVES, BE SUFFICIENT RECIPROCITY. CANADA SAID THAT A NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE FOR THE U.S. TO GIVE A CONCRETE INDICATION AS TO THE DEMANDS FOR RECIPROCITY AND WONDERED HOW THE U.S. EXPECTED TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS IN ABSENCE OF SUCH A PRICE TAG. U.S. SAID THAT IT WAS UP TO OTHERS TO PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF THEIR INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE BY THE WAY OF OFFERING CONCRETE CONCESSIONS. DENIS SAID THAT THIS WAS A MOST UNSATISFACTORY APPROACH AND INDICATED THAT CANADA MIGHT RAISE THE TOPIC AT THE GREY/MCDONALD LEVEL AT THE BILATERAL SESSION ON JUNE 7.

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